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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to announce a Comprehensive National Vocational Education Policy;

(b) if so, whether India, as a major player in the ongoing economic globalisation, is set to emerge as a significant provider of trained manpower following implementation of the new Policy;

(c) if so, the main features of the Policy;

(d) the extent to which the Policy is going to be distinct from the existing Education Policy Statement of 1986; and

(e) the time by which the New Policy is likely to be drawn up and implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (e): National Policy on Education(NPE),1986 provides for Vocational Education as a distinct stream, intended to prepare students for identified occupations spanning several areas of activity. These courses should ordinarily be provided after the secondary stage. Based on the review of the Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, the Government has reactivated and enhanced the thrust on vocational education. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) hasreemphasized the need for vocational education in the revised curricular frame work. In view of this it is felt that the existing policy can also meet the changing requirements of the manpower.